

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After entry of this amendment claims 92, 97, 98 and 100 are pending, claims 1-91, 93-96 and 99 having been canceled.

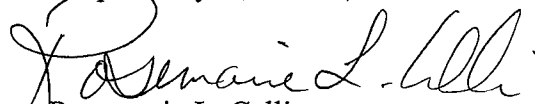
The Examiner has rejected claims 90, 91, 93, 94 and 96 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Ard *et al.* Without conceding that the rejection is warranted, Applicants have canceled claims 90, 91, 93, 94 and 96 to expedite the prosecution of the application.

The Examiner has taken the position that claims 92, 97, 98 and 100 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 90 and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 92 has been rewritten in independent form and amended to include the recitation of base claim 90. Claim 97 has been rewritten in independent form and amended to include the recitation of base claim 90. Claim 98 has been rewritten in independent form and amended to include the recitation of base claim 90 and intervening claim 97. Claim 100 has been rewritten in independent form and amended to include the recitation of base claim 90 and intervening claim 97.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,


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